

## Rochester Fire Department Policy Barbeque Grills

**Rochester Fire Code (Ord. 55.02 Subd. 9)**

### **International Fire Code**

**307.5 Open-flame cooking devices.** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

#### **307.5.1 Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.**

LP-gas burners having a LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds (1.14 kg) [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

**Exception:** One- and two-family dwellings.

### **LP Gas Code**

**3.4.9.2 Cylinders on Roofs or Exterior Balconies** – Cylinders having water capacities greater than 2.7 lb (1 kg) [nominal 1 lb (.5 kg)] LP-gas capacity shall not be located on balconies above the first floor that are attached to a multiple family dwelling of three or more living units located one above the other.

**Exception:** Cylinders located on balconies served by outside stairways, where only such stairways are used to transport the cylinder shall not be prohibited.

**5.3.4 Storage within Residential Buildings** – Storage of cylinders within a residential building, including the basement or any storage area in a common basement storage area in multiple-family buildings and attached garages, shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 lb (1.2 kg) and shall not exceed 5.4 lb (2.4 kg) aggregate water capacity for smaller cylinders per each living space unit. Each cylinder shall meet DOT specifications.

Section 307.5 prohibits the operation of BBQ grills "on combustible balconies or within 10' of combustible construction." This does not address where they may be stored. This section also exempts single family dwellings and duplexes from regulation as well as fully sprinklered residential buildings.

Section 307.5.1 prohibits LP-gas burners "on balconies above the first floor or within 10' of combustible construction." This does not make a distinction between operation and storage.

The following sections from the LP-gas Code absolutely prohibits 20 lb LP-gas cylinders including those attached to grills from being stored inside multi-family residential buildings including condos and town homes except inside of rooms especially designed for that purpose. Does not include grills without tank nor is it enforced on one and two family dwellings or duplex residential homes.

**Conclusion: Storage-** LP-gas grills and charcoal BBQ grills can be stored outside, next to buildings, when not in use. LP-gas grills without a tank and charcoal grills may be stored inside of a garage or storage building when not in use. "In use" is interpreted to include as long as there are live coals in the charcoal grill. LP-gas cylinders can only be stored outside on grade level of a multi-family residential building or garage unless it is inside of an approved room. Any grill stored on a deck above grade must be disassembled in a manner that prevents use on the deck.

**Grill Operations** – BBQ grills may not be used or operated within 10' of a combustible building or on combustible balconies.

*1 hr operation - exterior entrance - may be suitable for storage of LP tanks*